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I think we would all agree is increased use of the division of the question as a debating tactic and Senator Chambers certainly is not alone. I've used the device. I think probably most of the people that have been in this body for any amount of time at all have used the division of the question from time to time. It can be very useful. As long as it's there in the rules it's going to be used. As I said though there has been a concern voiced. There have been changes proposed. The committee has looked at several changes with respect to division of a question including something along the lines of what Senator Elmer has suggested, perhaps requiring...not having division of a question be automatic, having a vote required by the Legislature before a question can be divided is something that we talked about. Eliminating the division of the question, just simply not allowing it is something that has been discussed. What you have before you in the form of rule change number 11 frankly is the most modest proposal that we took a look at. It would change our current rule the least in simply taking the step to saying that the individual components of a divided question are not amendable after the division occurs. Frankly, the arguments that have been made are absolutely correct. This will not prevent amendments from being adopted or proposed for that matter. Once the division has been taken care of then it's back to square one. Might it take more time? Sure. If someone is out there and they're determined to introduce amendments to a bill, short of suspending the rules or reaching cloture, there is very little that the Legislature can do to stop that individual. That's one of the beauties of our process. Any one individual is given not endless, but substantial opportunity to shape a piece of legislation. I think the thrust behind proposed rule change number 11 is simply what the...it reflects some of the concerns of the members of the Legislature and would hopefully provide a smoothing out of the process. So I just wanted to clarify what the Rules Committee was thinking. I don't pretend to speak for all the other members of the committee, but I know there has been ongoing concern about the uses of division of the question and this is, as I said, the most modest proposal that was given to us. It fundamentally keeps in place the division of the question concept, simply not allowing amendments to these individual components after that has occurred.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I